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Report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 32nd, 41st and 42nd meetings, on 8 November and 6 and 8 December 2000. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/55/SR.32, 41 and 42). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 7th meetings, on 2, 3 and 5 October (see A/C.2/55/SR.3-7).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/55/3, Add.1 and Add.2);[1]

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award (A/55/419).

4. At the 32nd meeting, on 8 November 2000, the Assistant Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/55/SR.32).

[1] To be issued in *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/55/3/Rev.1).

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II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft decision proposed by the Chairman

5. By its resolution 2000/5 of 25 July 2000, the Economic and Social Council decided to request the General Assembly to endorse the draft resolution entitled "Decade of Greater Mekong Subregion Development Cooperation, 2000-2009" (see A/55/3, chap. I).

6. At its 41st meeting, on 6 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it endorse the resolution (see para. 9, draft decision I).

B. Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

7. At its 41st meeting, on 6 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of chapters I to V, VII (sects. A-C and E-H) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council and of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award (see A/55/419) (see para. 9, draft decision II).

C. Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee

8. At the 42nd meeting, on 8 December, the Chief of the Documentation Programming and Monitoring Unit introduced and orally revised the draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 2001-2002 (A/C.2/55/L.40, annex). On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to adopt the draft programme of work (see para. 9, draft decision III).

III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

9. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/5 of 25 July 2000, entitled "Decade of Greater Mekong Subregion Development Cooperation, 2000-2009", draws the attention of the international community to the intensification of economic and social development in the subregion, and encourages its support thereof.

Draft decision II
Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly takes note of the following documents:

(a) Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 2000;[2]

(b) Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award.[3]

Draft decision III
Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee 2001-2002

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 5 of its resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, approves the biennial programme of work of the Second Committee 2001-2002, as contained in the annex to the present decision.

Annex

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 2001-2002[4]

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Item 1
Report of the Economic and Social Council[5]

Documentation

Report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Report of the Secretary-General on the five-year assessment of the progress made in the implementation of resolution 50/225 (General Assembly resolution 53/201)

[2] Ibid.

[3] See A/55/419.

[4] The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

[5] The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 2001.

Item 2
Macroeconomic policy questions

(a) International trade and development

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

Report of the Secretary-General on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (General Assembly resolution 54/200)

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries (General Assembly resolution 54/199)

Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.61)

Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken to initiate the preparatory process for the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.61)

(b) International financial system and development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the international financial system and development (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.41)

Report of the Secretary-General on analysis undertaken by the United Nations Development Programme of international financial stability as a global public good (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.41)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting information provided by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.41)

(c) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Science and Technology on its fifth session (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.47)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the coordination of the mechanisms of the Commission for Science and Technology for Development (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.47)[6]

[6] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

(d) External debt crisis and development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the external debt crisis and development (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.64)

Item 3
Sectoral policy questions

(a) Business and development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on business and development (General Assembly resolutions 48/180 and 54/204)

Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and illegal transfer of funds and repatriation of such funds to their countries of origin (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.52)

(b) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (General Assembly resolution 54/203)

Item 4
Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

(a) Women in development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on women in development (General Assembly resolutions 42/178 and 54/210)

(b) Human resources development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on developing human resources for development (General Assembly resolution 54/211)

(c) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.37

(d) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation

No advance documentation requested (see draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.39)

Item 5
Environment and sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on protection against products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 39/229)[6]

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))[6]

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the international year of freshwater, 2003 (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.33)

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (draft resolution A/C.2/2000/L.27)[6]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its ninth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests (Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35)

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparation for the 2002 summit to review the progress achieved in the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.58)

(b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the international strategy for disaster reduction (General Assembly resolution 54/219)[6]

(c) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.34

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.44)

(e) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.59

(f) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation

Report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the Conference of the Parties (A/C.2/55/L.48)

(g) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on concrete action being taken for the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.55)

Item 6
Operational activities for development

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities undertaken by the United Nations system and addenda (General Assembly resolutions 35/81 and 53/192 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 2000/19 and 2000/20)[6]

Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework in the field of operational activities (General Assembly resolution 53/192 and Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/20)[6]

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[6]

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation and on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (General Assembly resolutions 50/119, 52/205 and 54/226)

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community (General Assembly resolution 54/227)

Item 7
International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues (General Assembly resolution 54/212)

Item 8
Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/31 and draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.7/Rev.1)[6]

Item 9
Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.54)

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements (General Assembly resolution 32/162)[6]

Item 10
Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.51)

Item 11
Training and research

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.56)

Item 12
Globalization and interdependence

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.63)

Item 13
Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.43/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on resources for the Office of the Special Coordinator for Least Developed, Landlocked and Small Island Developing Countries (A/C.2/55/L.43/Rev.1)

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Item 1
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Item 2
Macroeconomic policy questions

(a) International trade and development

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

(b) Commodities

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.62)

Item 3
Sectoral policy questions

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on industrial development cooperation (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.42)

Item 4
Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for

[7] The programme of work and documentation list for 2002 will be updated in 2001, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.

[8] The list of questions and documentation under this item is indicative only of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 2002.

development programmes in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 50/130)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Year of Mountains, 2002 (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.5)

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General: overview of the challenges and constraints as well as progress made towards achieving the major development goals and objectives adopted by the United Nations during the 1990s (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.39)

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/181 and draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4/Rev.1)

(c) Cultural development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on culture and development (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.60)

Item 5
Environment and sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the international year of freshwater, 2003 (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.33)

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development on its tenth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

(b) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.57)

Item 6
Operational activities for development

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Item 7
Training and research

Documentation

Report of the Council of the United Nations University (General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII) and Assembly decision 52/450)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations University (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.24/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the work, activities and accomplishments of the United Nations System Staff College (draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.25)

Item 8
Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.16